Strategy for development of minor irrigation

536. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:
SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under government's consideration to adopt a new strategy to give an impetus to the development of minor irrigation in the country;

(b) if so, the details in thisregard; and

(c) what steps Government have taken so far for implementing the new strategy?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKA-RANAND): (a) There is no proposal under Government's consideration for a new strategy for the development of minor irrigation in the country apart from the one adopted at the time of formulation of the Seventh Plan.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Improvement of slums in the country

537. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:
SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item under the caption "plan to tone up slum life" which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 6th October, 1986;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to improve the slum life prevailing in different parts of the country;

(c) the amount of financial allocations made to each State during the current plan period *to* improve the slum life; and

(d) the result achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present policy of the Government emphasise on environ mental improvement of urban slums rather than their massive clearance or relocation. Under the State Sector Scheme of Environmental Improve ment of Urban Slums, basic amenities like drinking water supply, sewerage, paving of existing lanes and path-Ways, community baths and latrines, street lighting etc. are provided in identified slums. Funds are provided in the State Annual Plans and the State Govt, formulate and imple ment appropriate projects under the Scheme in accordance with their needs and priorities. The 7th Plan envisages coverage of 9 million slum dwellers at an estimated cost of Rs. 269. 55 crores.

(c) State-wise allocation of funds during 7th Plan is given in the enclosed Statement. *(See* below).

(d) About 28 lakh slum dwellers are reported to have benefitted under the Scheme between April, 1985 and 30th September, 1986.

Statement

Statewise financial outlay for the Seventh Plan for the Improvement of Urban Slums (ElUS)

(Rs. Crores)

Sl. No.	States/U.T.	Outlays
1	Andhra Pradesh . .	30.00
2	Assam	4.00
3	Bihar	5.00